

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, and cancel claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition, obtained by binding, with a biodegradable resin, solid particles of a predetermined particle size available by pulverizing rice having an outer layer tissue and composed mainly of an outer layer tissue of rice, wherein the solid particles mean rice powder from which bran has been removed by rice milling.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the solid particles of a predetermined particle size are composed mainly of white bran produced in a sake brewing step or remnants of rice washings, obtained by binding, with a biodegradable resin, solid particles of a predetermined particle size available by pulverizing rice and composed mainly of an outer layer tissue of rice, wherein the solid particles are composed of a residue having, as a main component, a substance derived from the starch layer of rice available by removing bran from rice by rice milling, rinsing the residue with water, and filtering the effluent generated in the rinsing step.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, further comprising a functional organic matter derived from a plant, said organic matter being composed of one of or a combination of at least two of tea derived substances, bamboo derived substances, *Sasa senanensis* lees, wood derived substances, starch lees, rice bran, herb derived substances and kelp derived substances.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1 or 5,
~~2,3 or 4,~~ further comprising either one or both of zeolite, and silicon.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)